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class action filed. Now the energy crisis, which is of fuels of all kinds as we all realize, is getting more pertinent day by day and this is the only purpose of this. We see in the farm areas, an illustration that, this morning on television there were one after another, said we're not going to get any fuel. They have cut us off because, why they have cut off their former supplier who happened to be an independent petroleum agent. Now it seems to me that they major oil companies, that they are in the position that they have always wanted to be in. They are so monopoly, they control not only the price, but the supply and divide it, which is their best interest and not the interest of people generally. So I move for the introduction of the bill and with that understanding that is what it contains.

SPEAKER: Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, and fellow members. I still think that there isn't a shortage that there is. I think it is a planned shortage to increase the prices of the products, and I would probably be willing to predict that one of these days when the price gets up high enough, we'll probably have fuel coming out of our ears.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion? Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr., Gentlemen, I would like to disagree with the remarks that Senator Nore just made. I think that the thing that is facing us today is not only a, a short term problem, but in our contact with the Senators of other States, when we were out in the Governmental council, we learned this is a nation wide thing and it is not only going to be with us for the next year or two, but this is a ten year problem and there isn't anything we can do in Nebraska to bring about any relief, I think we better do it. I feel this thing is real and I would agree Senator Nore, that no doubt, no doubt the petroleum people will take advantage of it. We'll see an increase in price. I don't argue that, but I would have to disagree with you that this thing is not real, because I believe it is.

SPEAKER: Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: It is real, but it is planned.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion and are you ready for the question? This is for the introduction of a new bill, it requires 30 votes. All those in favor of introducing the bill vote aye, those opposed vote no. This requires 30 votes, it is for the introduction of a new bill. 30 votes are required. If you are going to vote for it or against it will you please vote. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 30 ayes, no nays, on motion to introduce. Now Mr. President, we have another motion. I move the introduction of the attached bill, signed by Senator Whitney. The motion is in the bill signed by Senator Whitney, chairman of the retirement committee, Hasebrook, Lewis, Luedtke, Goodrich, Marvel. (Read) LB 588

SPEAKER: The chair would like to announce we have 41 visitors. Some of them are in the south balcony and a few of them are under the north balcony. They are 41 ladies of the Lords, senior citizens from Omaha and with this group is Senator Duke Snyders grandmother. Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I just put on your desk a statement of intent and the purpose for